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1. The Soviet transport control officer attached to the Cottbus Regional Railroad Headquarters has ordered that office to prepare, by 2 October, a schedule for the running of two military trains to the Frankfurt/Oder and Guben border crossing points each. The trains would originate at Grossenhain and Falkenberg and go to Frankfurt/Oder via Cottbus and to Guben via Cottbus-Forst-Griessen. The trains did not run prior to 5 October, but the operation is expected to start soon. The trains are to carry Soviet troops to the USSR. The Cottbus railroad headquarters expects a request for the preparation of schedules for trains running in the opposite direction. [1]

2. The following troop trains [____] 25X1

   from Letzling Heath to Satzkorn and Priort between 30 September and 6 October; four trains, carrying tank units, from Koenigsbrueck to Roederau, Riesa and Meissen on 1 October; three trains from Koenigsbrueck to Oschatz and one train from Koenigsbrueck to Grossenhain on 5 October. [2]

25X1 [____] Comments:

   1. This information tends to indicate that the trains mentioned are shuttle trains for the personnel exchange program. [____] 25X1

   2. The five trains from Letzling Heath to the Halle district probably carried units of the 7th Guards Tank Division returning to Dessau [____] while the trains going to Satzkorn and Priort carried units of the 10th Guards Tank Division returning to their posts. [____] The trains coming from Koenigsbrueck probably carried units of the 9th Tank Division returning to their posts from a final exercise in Koenigsbrueck.

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